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<b>Examiner</b>		<b>Customer No.</b>	23669
<b>Application Title</b>	SWITCHING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING SHARED I/O WITHIN A LOAD-STORE FABRIC		
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.